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Dialictus Robertson, 1902 and *Chloralictus* Robertson, 1902 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): given precedence over *Paralictus* Robertson, 1901

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Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the generic names *Dialictus* Robertson, February 1902 and *Chloralictus* Robertson, September 1902 are hereby given precedence over *Paralictus* Robertson, 1901 whenever they are considered to be synonyms of it.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:

(a) *Dialictus* Robertson, 1902 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation (and monotypy) *Halictus anomalus* Robertson, 1892, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *Paralictus* Robertson, 1901 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;

(b) *Chloralictus* Robertson, 1902 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation *Halictus cressonii* Robertson, 1890, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *Paralictus* Robertson, 1901 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;

(c) *Paralictus* Robertson, 1901 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation *Halictus cephalicus* Robertson, 1892 (a junior homonym of *Halictus cephalicus* Morawitz, 1873 and replaced by *Halictus cephalotes* Dalla Torre, 1896), with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *Dialictus* Robertson, 1902 or *Chloralictus* Robertson, 1902 when it is considered to be a synonym of them.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *anomalus* Robertson, 1892, as published in the binomen *Halictus anomalus* (specific name of the type species of *Dialictus* Robertson, 1902);

(b) *cressonii* Robertson, 1892, as published in the binomen *Halictus cressonii* (specific name of the type species of *Chloralictus* Robertson, 1902);

(c) *cephalotes* Dalla Torre, 1896, as published in the binomen *Halictus cephalotes* (valid replacement of the specific name of *Halictus cephalicus* Robertson, 1892, the type species of *Paralictus* Robertson, 1901).

History of Case 2995

An application for the conservation of the generic names *Dialictus* Robertson, 1902 and *Chloralictus* Robertson, 1902 by giving them precedence over *Paralictus* Robertson, 1901 was received from Prof Charles D. Michener (*Snow Entomological Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, U.S.A.*) on 7 August 1995. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **52**: 316–318 (December 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was recorded on the voting papers that a note relating to the mention of 'Michener, in preparation' in para. 4 of the application had been received (February 1997) from Prof Michener: 'The synonymy between *Dialictus*, *Chloralictus* and *Paralictus* is widely understood. It will be included in a book that will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press entitled *The Bee Fauna of the World*. I am the author. It will appear in about two years; the manuscript is finished except for updating but illustrations are still being made'.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **52**: 317. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1997 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 19: Bock, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Song

Negative votes — 4: Bouchet, Minelli, Patterson and Štys.

No votes were received from Cogger and Dupuis.

Mawatari was on leave of absence.

Patterson commented: 'In my view the synonymy of *Paralictus* Robertson, 1901, *Dialictus* Robertson, 1902 and *Chloralictus* Robertson, 1902 is not proven and the application depends on that synonymy. I regard setting aside the Code in this case to be premature'. Štys commented: 'I vote against the proposals because there is no reason to believe that *Paralictus* is not, or will not be found to be, a valid taxon other than the word of the author of the application'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

anomalus, Halictus, Robertson, 1892, *American Naturalist*, **26**: 272.
cephalotes, Halictus, Dalla Torre, 1896, *Catalogus Hymenopterorum*, vol. 10, p. 57.
Chloralictus Robertson, 1902, *Canadian Entomologist*, **34**: 245.
cressonii, Halictus, Robertson, 1890, *Transactions of the American Entomological Society*, **17**: 317.
Dialictus Robertson, 1902, *Canadian Entomologist*, **34**: 48.
Paralictus Robertson, 1901, *Canadian Entomologist*, **33**: 229.